

Strategic Growth Council Executive Report –SGC Project Status

As of January 9, 2015

Executive Report			January 20, 2015
Strategic Plan Reference #			Status and Next Steps
Tier 1 Prioritization by Council	1	Coordinate among State Agencies <i>"Identify and review activities and funding programs of member agencies that may be coordinated"</i> PRC 75125 (a)	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Statewide Implementation.</u> Dr. Denny Grossman continues to frame the scope and vision of RAMP within the context of Integrated Regional Planning (IRP). He is developing agreements with key agencies and consortia to further develop and implement IRP at the project, regional and statewide level. He is also defining the information resources and tools that will be required for the efficient implementation of IRP and RAMP at the regional and statewide level. Strategic pilot demonstration projects are being identified to apply these methods and tools to improve the implementation efficiency of priority development projects through the protection of regionally defined conservation priorities.</p> <p><u>Financial Analysis.</u> Two Caltrans led studies to explore the types of financial mechanisms required to fund mitigation in advance of projects are ongoing. An additional study sponsored by the California Transportation Commission and conducted by U.C. Davis considers potential funding and implementation strategies for earlier, more comprehensive environmental mitigation, shifting project planning and delivery from a single-project approach to a multi-project, regional approach. The study examines the to which early regional mitigation needs assessment and advance planning for habitat-level impacts from multiple infrastructure projects may promise such potential benefits as (1) reduced project delays, (2) reduced mitigation and transaction costs, and (3) improved mitigation quality.</p> <p><u>High-Speed Rail.</u> HSR is beginning to apply the emerging Integrated Regional Planning approach to advance their environmental assessment and mitigation requirements. The Southern California project sections between Bakersfield and Burbank have been selected to implement and demonstrate specific components of this process, including the coordination of environmental review processes and the creation of strategic mitigation solutions. A HSR Open House of State Environmental Leaders is scheduled for January 28 to provide an update on HSR environmental commitment and activities.</p> <p><u>Schools.</u> No updates to report since last Executive Report to the Council on June 3, 2014. Opportunities exist to reach out to the Division of School Facilities at the California Department of Education and the Office of Public School Construction to receive feedback on the draft Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program guidelines and how to integrate and align sustainability goals around schools.</p>

	2	<p>Barriers to Infill</p> <p><i>“Provide, fund, and distribute data and information to local governments and regional agencies that will assist in developing and planning sustainable communities”</i></p> <p>PRC 75125 (c)</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Infill Finance Options</u>. Complete. SGC engaged Economic and Planning Systems (EPS) to analyze challenges to financing infill and recommend strategies to reduce risk and support new or existing financing mechanisms. The final report has been posted to the SGC website.</p> <p><u>Infill Development Technical Assistance</u>. Pending. Leveraging SGC’s completed Infill Finance Options report with other State efforts related to infill development (e.g. General Plan Guidelines, pending CEQA guidelines, etc.), staff proposes convening a series of technical assistance workshops to local communities to address barriers to infill.</p>
Tier 1 Prioritization by Council	4	<p>Infrastructure Planning</p> <p><i>“At a minimum the council shall review and comment on the five year infrastructure plan developed pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with section 13100) of chapter 2 of part 3 of division 3 of the Government Code and the State Environmental Goals and Policy Report pursuant to Section 65041 of the Government Code”</i></p> <p>PRC 75125 (a)</p> <p><i>Criteria and priorities used to identify and select the infrastructure it does propose to fund, including criteria used to identify and select infrastructure that by January 1, 2005, shall be consistent with the state planning priorities</i></p> <p>GC 13102 (c) (1)</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Five Year Infrastructure Plan</u>. The 2015 Plan was released with the annual budget on January 9th. The Infrastructure working group is reviewing the Plan and will meet with the DOF to suggest improvements to consider for the 2016 Plan. The working group will also present a set of approaches to the Council in 2015, asking the Council to consider and adopt a review and reporting processes.</p> <p><u>Research</u>.</p> <p>The working group continues its partnership with the California Research Bureau to study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and potential alternate definitions of “infrastructure” as defined in the 29 separate State Codes and Office of Administrative Law’s California Code of Regulations. • The state’s critical infrastructure networks as defined by State agencies and departments’ plans, policies and priorities. • Innovative legislation, policies, practices, processes, and metrics used by other states that are at the forefront of managing infrastructure spending that focuses on resiliency, and fundamental environmental, social, and economic goals. <p>The State Controller’s Office provided the working group with a spreadsheet containing the capital outlay and local assistance expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. SGC staff is currently reviewing 2,000 local assistance funds to distinguish which funds depict infrastructure spending. This review will result in a snapshot of the State’s infrastructure investments during</p>

		the 2012-13 fiscal year.
8	SB 375 Implementation PRC 75125 (a)	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>MPO Self-Assessment:</u> A draft report has been submitted to the SGC from the Consultant. In addition to the MPO Self-Assessment, staff has proposed state agency and stakeholder feedback of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) process to complement the MPO self-assessment and provide a broader perspective on the development of the SCSs. This activity may generate possible recommendations for SGC and member-agencies' support for more effective SCS processes in the future. SGC facilitation of future stakeholder feedback of the SCS process is pending availability of staff resources.</p> <p><u>UrbanFootprint:</u> UC Davis has developed a draft training curriculum and recruited a group of MPO and city planning participants to begin a pilot training test. This will be followed in March with a University Extension course offering a class for public and private planning practitioners. The University will make available the current public version of the model in a form useable by practitioner. This will mark the beginning of broader diffusion of this important SGC sponsored planning tool.</p> <p><u>UrbanFootprint Public Health:</u> SGC has convened experts in the public health, epidemiology, transportation, and planning fields to discuss methodologies associated with the depiction of potential activity-based health impacts in scenario planning models. The fourth and final advisory committee meeting was held in November 2014 and resulted review and approval of how the proposed methodology and updated datasets will be applied to a full policy test of the health implications of various SACOG land use scenarios. The Policy Committee for this review process will then examine the results of this test and make recommendations for uses of the model in estimating the health impacts of land use planning alternatives.</p> <p><u>State Agency-MPO Coordination.</u> Pending. SGC staff proposes support of the State Agency/MPO SB 375 Implementation Working Group, an existing interdisciplinary partnership between the State, represented by the SGC, and MPOs to share progress and challenges to SB 375 implementation. Logistical and technical support for this Group would enable increased collaboration and information sharing specific to transportation and land use scenario planning models, data coordination, regional conservation strategies, and infill development.</p>

Tier 2 Prioritization by Council	7	Grants <i>"Manage and award grants and loans to support the planning and development of sustainable communities</i> PRC 75125 (d)	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Sustainable Communities Implementation Program.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program. Please refer to the materials associated with Agenda Item #7: Adoption of Program Guidelines for 2014-15 AHSC Program Funds. - Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program (SALC). Please refer to the materials associated with Agenda Item #6: Adoption of Program Guidelines for 2014-15 SALC Program Funds. <p><u>Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program</u> All awardees have been contacted and grants are in various stages of execution. Nearly half of round three awardees have been identified, with many more expected in the coming months. All funds will be assigned by June 30, 2015.</p> <p><u>Urban Greening Project and Planning Grants.</u> .The Council awarded \$22.9 million in Round Three of the Urban Greening Planning and Project Grants Program. Staff continues to work with grantees to develop grant agreements for Round 3. To date, 11 Urban Greening projects have been completed. One planning grant in the amount of \$250,000 was withdrawn due to a significant scope change which no longer met the intent of the program. These funds will be redirected using the substitution list approved at a previous council meeting.</p>
	10	Outreach	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Local Outreach and Sustainable Communities Learning Network.</u> Complete.</p> <p><u>SGC Outreach to Grantees.</u> SGC continues to communicate with our grantees and the general public through our listserv. The SGC website has transitioned to a new format allowing more nimbleness in providing timely information and updates.</p> <p><u>SGC Local Implementation.</u> Contracting. This Council supported project will evaluate how first</p>

		<p>round of SCPGIP grantees completing “physical development plans” have succeeded in moving forward towards shovel ready projects that promote community equity, and creates safe, healthy communities with strong economies and protected natural resources. Work is scheduled to begin in March, 2015 and be completed by December, 2015.</p> <p><u>Fiscal Impact Analysis of Selected SCPGIP Awards.</u> Two studies sponsored by CalTrans and the California Transportation Commission to explore the types of financial mechanisms required to fund mitigation in advance of projects have been completed.</p> <p><u>Infill Development: Technical Assistance and Outreach.</u> Work Group developing scope and RFP options.</p> <p><u>Support for Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions.</u> Work Group developing scope and RFP options.</p> <p>Outreach (continued)</p> <p><u>Identification and Dissemination of SCPGIP Best Practices.</u> Contracting. This project focuses on analyzing the strategies, approaches and best practices used by the 124 Sustainable Communities Planning grantees to successfully initiate planning activities, engage with the community, institute performance metrics, develop innovative policies, and achieve outcomes that improve the integration of sustainability principles into their projects. Based on this analysis, the projects will be ranked and the top ten percent (twelve or thirteen projects) of grants will be examined further to explore components used to successfully plan programs, plans and processes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and incorporate the SCPGIP’s priority objectives. Findings from these projects will be designed into an easy to understand reference documents outlining the success of specific SCPGIP projects and tips on how to replicate these processes in other communities.</p> <p><u>State Agency Coordination and Support of MPO’s SCS Activities.</u> - See “SB 375 Implementation” above.</p>
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	3	<p>Geospatial Data Coordination <i>Provide, fund, and distribute data and information to local governments and regional agencies that will assist in developing and planning sustainable communities.</i> PRC 75125 (c)</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p>SGC entered into a contract with UC Davis to support the convening of the GIS Collaborative to support statewide coordination of GIS data and policy issues with federal, state, regional, and local levels. The GIS Collaborative is serving as the basis for reconvening the California GIS Council. Workgroups consisting of specialists in each of the major fields of spatial data interest to the SGC have been formed and they will be used to advise the SGC and the State Geographic Information Officer on matters of technology, policy and priority data development.</p>
Tier 3 Prioritization by Council	11	<p>Data Agreements PRC 75125 (c)</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Parcel Data Contract.</u> The California Department of Technology and UC Davis with support from the SGC have completed the first seamless, border-to-border parcel data set in California's history. The second round of parcel data collection from California counties is preceding but not without significant problems. Unfortunately the Assessors of several major California Counties have refused to collaborate without the payment of large fees. It is their opinion that California law only requires them to deliver parcel boundary data to the public at the cost of reproduction. The Assessors contend that all other data they collect can be sold for the cost of development, production, storage, retrieval and reproduction resulting in requested recharges of over \$10,000 in at least 1 county. Council staff is seeking legal guidance on this matter and is working with the Government Operations Agency to examine governmental solutions to this problem.</p> <p>A map depicting the status of round 2 data collection can be found at: http://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0c61fc13b8fe43f4b45f290043a4c38c</p> <p><u>Vegetation Mapping Agreement.</u> Ongoing. California State University, Chico Research Foundation is mapping high priority areas within the proposed corridor of the California High Speed Rail (HSR) over Tehachapi Pass at the southern end of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Kern County. Work started on this project on February 14, 2014 and will be completed on January 31, 2016. This project continues to be on schedule.</p> <p><u>Protected Lands Agreement.</u> Completed -Summer 2014. A GIS database of protected lands in California that is available free of charge along with guidelines for updating, sharing and maintaining this data. This GIS database includes the spatial representation and attribution of fee owned lands (California Protected Areas Database) and privately held conservation easements</p>

		<p>Data Agreements (continued) PRC 75125 (c)</p> <p>(California Conservation Easement Database). More information is available at: www.CALands.org</p> <p><u>Healthy Community Indicators Agreement.</u> Completed. CDPH staff working with UCSF identified 56 indicators and data sources consistent with indicators proposed by other SGC-funded indicator projects. Methods developed to construct indicators in collaboration with county health departments, MPOs, and other stakeholders resulted in statewide data files for 21 indicators. Excel files, templates for maps, graphs, tables, and explanatory text, including metadata, for indicators at census tract, place, county, MPO regions, and the state are posted at the CDPH website: (http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/Pages/HealthyCommunityIndicators.aspx).</p> <p>Some HCI files have also been posted at the Health and Human Services Open Data Portal (https://health.data.ca.gov/), where the Socrata platform supports data visualization tools. Final deliverables for this project include a How-To Manual and Illustrative Guide; a Technical Manual on the construction of the 56 indicators; and plan for Centralized Collection, Analysis, and Reporting. Additionally, UCSF has developed a non-public demonstration website in collaboration with Echo Technology Solutions that presents a dynamic interactive data dashboard and single drill-down views of indicators tables, graphs, maps, and explanatory text based on user supplied criteria of geography, time period, and population characteristic (e.g. race/ethnicity, income, transportation mode).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How-To Manual (27 MB, 60 pages): http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/Documents/HCI_How-To_Manual10-2014highres.pdf - Technical Manual (16 MB, 325 pages): http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/Documents/HCI_TechnicalManual_10-23-14.pdf <p><u>Technology Support for Development and Implementation of the SGC’s Sustainability Objectives.</u> SGC planning projects have common requirements for data access, aggregation, management, analysis, presentation and reporting. This contract will support SGC staff and grantee needs with a customized web-based information management platform that addresses data use requirements for the development, implementation, monitoring and reporting of awarded projects. This platform will allow for stronger projects by ensuring that data are being</p>
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	5	<p>Health in All Policies PRC 75125 (a)</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p>HiAP's next meeting will be January 12, 2015.</p> <p>Please see attached HiAP report.</p>
	6	<p>HSR Community Planning /Sustainability PRC 75125 (c)</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p>SGC is partnering with the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), US EPA, HHS, OPR, and several other partners to identify opportunities to leverage HSR to strengthen California's "anchor institutions" – businesses such as educational and health care institutions that are physically "anchored" in their communities and are typically significant local/regional economic mainstays. SGC is drafting a paper outlining opportunities for partnership and synergies between anchor institutions, HSR, and other stakeholders. The paper includes a data collection and mapping component that analyzes transit and road network connectivity between institutions and HSR. The paper will form the basis for outreach and engagement efforts with anchor institutions and other partners state-wide.</p> <p>SGC is partnering with CHSRA to study opportunities for CHSRA and other state agencies to play a meaningful role in catalyzing infill development, more sustainable regional land use, economic development, and local/regional transportation improvements connected with HSR. Part of this work involves examining the city of Fresno – the starting point for the HSR project – as a case study in feasibility of infill development and local infrastructure investments around HSR. The</p>

		<p>HSR Community Planning /Sustainability (continued) PRC 75125 (c)</p>	<p>study looks at existing tools and resources for implementing station area development and business opportunities connected to HSR, identify capacity and resource gaps in achieving shared objectives of the local community and the State, and suggest options for additional actions on the part of the State and others to remedy the existing gaps. The study involves detailed financial analysis of three current development projects in the Fresno HSR station area.</p> <p>In December, 2014, SGC began early conversations with the City of Wasco and CHSRA on technical assistance regarding the relocation of a farmworker housing complex due to HSR right-of-way. SGC has offered assistance on design, staging the relocation, transportation connectivity, resident engagement, and other aspects of this project. SGC has also committed technical assistance to the City of Gilroy, in partnership with several federal agencies, in planning for the future HSR station there.</p>
	9	<p>Funding Wizard PRC 75125 (a)</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Funding Wizard</u>: No updates to report since last Executive Report to the Council on June 3, 2014. This ARB managed project received \$50,000 in SGC funding to continue developing and refining a unified site for institutions seeking grant awards to get information on state granting programs. Specific efforts focus on engagement, training, and outreach; Tool development to enhance the user experience; and Expanded analytics and metrics to track overall success. Work will continue through December 2015.</p>
	12	<p>Regional Progress Report PRC 75125 (c)</p>	<p>STATUS: Pending Identification of resources.</p> <p><u>Regional Progress Report</u>. SCG staff received draft recommendations for the 2013 Regional Progress Report update from consultants in May 2013. This has been posted to the SGC website. Ongoing efforts to produce the report are pending additional funding.</p> <p><u>Indicator Coordination</u>. SGC is working with OPR, CDPH, and others to coordinate data and indicator projects throughout the State. Current efforts focus on recommending indicators for the State's Environmental Goals and Policies.</p>

Health in All Policies Task Force Update to the Strategic Growth Council October 2014 - January 2015

The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Task Force consists of representatives from 22 State agencies, departments, and offices, who contribute their time to this initiative. The Task Force is facilitated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and staffing is provided through a partnership with the Public Health Institute (PHI), with funding from multiple sources. The mandate that created the Office of Health Equity (OHE), housed within CDPH, requires the office and Task Force to work collaboratively to advance health equity in California. This update report shares highlights of Task Force work for the period of activity from October through December of this year. Progress continues on 8 implementation plans endorsed by the SGC.

Highlights of Task Force work and interagency projects:

- On October 6th, 2014 the SGC unanimously endorsed the HiAP Task Force's 2014-2016 Action Plan to promote safe and accessible **Active Transportation** throughout California. This Action Plan was created over a nine-month period through an intensive exploratory and consensus-building process between more than 20 state agencies, departments, and offices. The plan represents the Task Force's renewed commitment to increasing opportunities for safe and accessible active transportation (e.g., walking, biking, rolling, or public transportation), reflects the Five Key Elements of Health in All Policies, and aligns with State priorities to promote health and equity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. An accompanying Action Report was also created to share tangible outcomes achieved through the 2012 Implementation Plan to "Support Active Transportation through SB 375 and Complete Streets Implementation" (see the 2014-2016 action plan here: http://sgc.ca.gov/docs/Active_Transportation_Action_Plan_9-26-14.pdf and the action report here: http://sgc.ca.gov/docs/Active_Transportation_Action_Report_9-26-14.pdf).
- **Violence Prevention** has frequently been identified as a priority opportunity for cross-sector involvement by the HiAP Task Force based on stakeholder input and because of its link to nearly every policy area the Task Force addresses. The Task Force is exploring opportunities for state agency action to coordinate and enhance violence prevention efforts. This includes holding meetings with government and non-government experts and stakeholders.
- HiAP staff partnered with the Local Government Commission to hold public input sessions, gather input from HiAP Task Force members, and create a **Crime Prevention through Environmental Design** Guidebook for community planners. The guidebook is anticipated to be released in 2015.
- HiAP staff are working with Task Force members to develop **Action Reports** that summarize Task Force successes and lessons learned from ongoing work on **community greening, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, and access to healthy food**.

Highlights of infrastructure and capacity development for the Task Force:

- HiAP staff gave a presentation to OHE Advisory Committee about the Task Force's current activities, and discussed opportunities to further engage Advisory Committee members and utilize their expertise to advance the work of the Task Force.
- Several Task Force representatives are engaged in the SGC's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Work Group and Steering Committee, and bring their expertise in HiAP, public health, and co-benefits to the development of program guidelines and processes.

- PHI's HiAP staff has received a grant from the Kaiser Permanente Northern California Community Benefit Program to support the HiAP Task Force's work to bring a health and equity lens to the Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines (revisions anticipated to begin in 2015) and launch an exploratory process to identify opportunities for the Task Force to promote violence prevention.
- PHI's HiAP staff received a subaward from the Sequoia Foundation to partner with CDPH on a grant through the Pew Charitable Trust Health Impact Project. This will include opportunities to engage HiAP Task Force members as stakeholders and advisors on future Health Impact Assessment projects.

Highlights of HiAP external capacity building and outreach:

- The California HiAP Task Force continues to be a model for other states and communities in California. Staff and Task Force members frequently give presentations about their involvement in and lessons learned from participating in the initiative. For example:
 - On August 7, 2014 HiAP staff and Elizabeth Baca from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research presented to members of the County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) on healthy land use and opportunities to engage in the General Plan Guidelines update.
 - On October 8, 2014 HiAP members participated in a Climate Action Team Public Health Workgroup Meeting on the health and climate benefits of promoting active transportation and staff presented on the HiAP Task Force 2014-2016 Active Transportation Action Plan.
 - On October 14, 2014 HiAP staff gave a presentation on Health in All Policies at the quarterly meeting of the Community Health Initiative of the Petaluma Area.
 - On October 17, 2014 Claudia Polsky, Deputy Attorney General for the Environment, gave a presentation about the California HiAP Task Force at the 2014 Public Health Law Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
 - In November, 2014 HiAP staff members participated in four panel sessions during the American Public Health Association's 2014 Annual Meeting and Exposition in New Orleans, Louisiana. Two sessions featured examples of HiAP in rural California communities (Tulare, Merced, and Monterey counties), one described how the Governor's Office of Planning and Research has collaborated with the HiAP Task Force and other health stakeholders to bring a health lens to the General Plan Guidelines update, and one focused on the growing momentum of the HiAP approach nationally, with staff from California's HiAP Task Force alongside representatives from Richmond, Virginia and New Orleans, Louisiana.
 - Staff provided materials and technical assistance to Health in All Policies initiatives in Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia, and the City of Chicago.
 - Task Force members and staff have been interviewed by researchers at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Canada, who are conducting an international review of Health in All Policies initiatives in order to identify key success factors.

For further information about the California Health in All policies Task Force, please see http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_hiap.php or contact hiap@cdph.ca.gov.